

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. OZAKI, et al

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE, AND DATA
RELAY METHOD USING STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE



LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 20, 2004

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim
the right of priority based on:

**Japanese Application No. 2003-397380
Filed: November 27, 2003**

A Certified copy of said application document is attached hereto.

Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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